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TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L., JR.)

SUBJECT: POINTS THAT BEGIN AND WEIZMAN ASKED ME TO

CONVEY TO SADAT

- 1. YOU WILL RECALL THAT BEGIN ASKED ME TO TELL SADAT THAT HE HAD NOT INTENDED HIS LETTER, WHICH SADAT REJECTED, TO BE OFFENSIVE. HE ALSO WANTED ME TO TELL SADAT THAT ISRAEL WAS READY TO TALK ABOUT "PARTIAL AGREE-MENTS" IF PROGRESS WAS NOT POSSIBLE TOWARD A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. IN VIEW OF SADAT'S MOOD AND THE POSITION HE TOOK IN OUR TALK, I DECIDED IT WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE AND SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE, FROM EITHER ISRAEL'S OR OUR POINT OF VIEW, FOR ME TO INJECT THESE POINTS INTO YESTERDAY'S CONVERSATION.
- 2. AS REQUESTED BY WEIZMAN, AT THE END OF THE MEETING WITH SADAT I DREW HIM ASIDE AND TOLD HIM WEIZMAN HAD ASKED ME TO SAY THAT HE (WEIZMAN) STILL HAD GREAT RESPECT FOR SADAT AND VALUED HIS FRIENDSHIP; AND THAT HE SECRET

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REGRETTED AND WAS HURT BUT WAS NOT OFFENDED BY SADAT'S DECISION TO SEND MILITARY TEAM BACK TO ISRAEL. SADAT ASKED ME TO TELL WEIZMAN THAT HE APPRECIATED THE MESSAGE AND WOULD NOT HAVE SENT THE TEAM BACK IF HE HAD THOUGHT IT WOULD OFFEND WEIZMAN PERSONALLY. EILTS

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